

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following suggested restriction requirement prior to examination of the application.

Applicants filed the above referenced patent application with four (4) independent claims and fifty six (56) dependent claims for a total of sixty (60) claims.

RESTRICTION:

Applicants respectfully suggest that the claims be restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to the following groups:

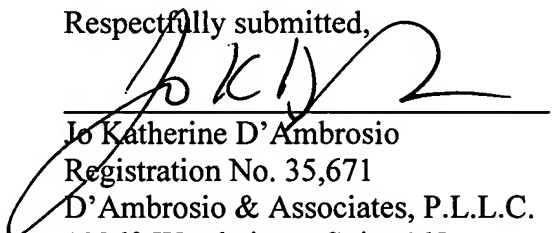
Group I: Claims 57-97, drawn to apparatus for adjusting the dimensions of a tube by rolling; and

Group II: Claims 98-101, drawn to another embodiment for adjusting the dimensions of a tube by rolling including a motor to rotate the supporting cylinder and a mounting flange;

Group III: Claims 102-117, drawn to an apparatus for adjusting the dimensions of a tube by rolling and a method for adjusting the dimension of a tube.

Upon acceptance of the suggested restriction requirement and a formal Request for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect claims 98-101, identified as Group II, for prosecution in the present application, reserving the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims. Upon acceptance of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, Applicants will withdraw the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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